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SOCIETY AND ITS INCONSISTENCIES.

In an interesting discussion of some phases of the divorce evil, the esteemed Detroit Free Press declares that "we seem to be progressing to that very end where the inconvenience of marriage may be shaken off almost at will and yet without overturning the fond delusion about the holiness of matrimony. For instance, William Lemp, a millionaire of St. Louis, is to be divorced by his wife, says gossip. It is held that Mr. Lemp has led an exemplary life. Mrs. Lemp is an exemplary young woman. But temperamentally they are antithetical. 'Mr. Lemp,' says the lady's brother, 'is too much of a gentleman not to permit my sister to have a divorce.' Mrs. Lemp, we infer, is too much of a lady to ask that an incompatible husband be asked to endure life with her. The money settlement is placed at half a million and there will be neither scandal nor sensation. It is all polite, orderly and simple. The testimony will be conventional. The decree will be rendered as a matter of course and society will welcome both parties back to it with joy. But society stands against the suggestion of the limited marriage contract."

All of which shows that with society it is not at all a question of morality, but a matter of what the world is willing to stand for. Still, those who are willing to admit that cheap and frequent divorces are undesirable, may yet refuse to find in the limited marriage contract a remedy for the conditions complained of. It is much like asking one to endorse Dick Turpin because sneak thievery is not congenial.

PREPARE FOR THE GUESTS.

A movement inaugurated by the American Civic Association looking toward taxing bill boards out of existence should be heartily endorsed by the Merchants' Association and everybody interested in the improvement of conditions in Newport News. The removal of the unsightly boards around the "Elevator Lot" and the substitution of a delightful little square has been productive of such good results that the national association's movement should meet with hearty support here. Because other billboards are in less conspicuous places is no reason why they should be allowed to deface the city.

At the exploitation mass meeting the other night Clerk of Courts D. G. Smith declared that, while advertising and exploitation were all right, we should lose no time in preparing our city for receiving the guests that are to come here, during the exposition. This suggestion is an important one and should be given due consideration.

If the sight-seers, lured hither by our attractive advertising and fair promises, find a dirty, unsightly city, all of our exploiting will have been in vain. Some concerted action toward civic improvement should be taken immediately. Such a movement may well go hand in hand with the exploitation scheme.

Affairs in the Russian capital must be in bad shape when a band of rob-

bers deliberately attack and hold up a guarded government vehicle in the open street in broad daylight and get away with nearly \$200,000. If an armed guard is not sufficient to protect a customs official, the outlook for the private individual is far from encouraging.

With Thanksgiving more than three weeks from election day the defeated candidates ought to be able to get around to a philosophical view of the situation in time to participate in the festivities of the joyful occasion.

In China when a bank fails some one is decapitated, a fact which makes any game which looks like "tail's you win; head's I lose" exceedingly unpopular with the celestial bankers.

Those Ute Indians seem to be in the sure highway to goodness, according to the standards of the old time plainsman.

For Attorney General Moody to attack Standard Oil in New Jersey is like "stabbing a man in the house of his friends."

Raisuli's press agent gets busy on very slight provocation.

There is some consolation in the thought that the agony soon will be over and that we will then know who really knew least about the situation up in the Empire State.

George Gould says he would be willing to sell his railroads to the government. While he refrains from setting a price it is safe to predict that he would be unwilling to let them go at a figure anywhere near what his father gave when he took them from the original stockholders.

Bryan charges that Beveridge has plagiarized some of the old speech made by the Nebraskan. We were under the impression that the Indiana Senator's flow of words was so strong as to make such a crime a work of supererogation.

What will Old King Leopold do now that the good women of the country have turned against him?

If any European ruler should happen to start something that was not in accord with the Monroe Doctrine, despite Professor Burgess, he might learn that that historic pronouncement is still backed by Uncle Sam's mailed fist.

The trial of the Standard Oil Company out in Ohio, according to the fines imposed, could be termed "much ado about nothing."

Bailey probably attacked Hearst to draw attention from his own record.

General Grosvenor, of Ohio, says he seizes a Republican victory in the South this year. It is more than likely to be the same kind of victory that he participated in two years ago when he was elected to stay at home.

H. H. Rogers says the trusts have only barely touched the resources of the country, but he failed to say what would have been the result if they had done their worst.

ADVERTISED LIST.

United States Postoffice.
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Gentlemen's list—Geo. W. Budd, Charlie Clark, H. L. Cunningham, Jerasmo Dimetrato, Henry Epps, W. H. Falk, W. Glass, Samson Jones, Wm P. Lewis, R. M. McNut, Nat T. Miles, J. W. Moore, David Outlaw, A. P. Persinger, Thomas Potter, Clarence Queensberry, Harry Renoe, Charlie Smith, J. Smith, J. T. Stewart, Wesley Thomas, Shinner Walker, N. Ward, 2; Wm. Welch, E. A. Whiteford, H. B. Williams, James Williams, 2; Willie Wright.

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Per M.

So He Heard.

"I wonder if there be any industries carried on in heaven?" inquired the town ignoramus.

"I've allers heerd as how matches are made there," was the guarded answer of the local sage.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Perseverance.

"I think," said the reporter, "that the public would like to know how you managed to live to such a great age."

"By perseverance," replied the centenarian. "I jest kept on prin'g."—Philadelphia Ledger.

PROPER CLOTHES for MEN

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WOOD RAT TYPIFIES MAN.

He Is Small, but His Acquisitiveness Is Insatiable.

Too many Americans have the "wood rat instinct." The wood rat, the animal, is a native of southern Oregon, but the wood rat typified in man is not restricted to any small section of a state or nation, but is well nigh universal.

The wood rat is small, no larger than a common rat, but his ambition and acquisitiveness are insatiable. His one insane desire seems to be to increase the size of his pile of sticks. The neighboring field is placed under tribute. First, all the nearby sticks are gathered into the pile. Then, as these are cleaned up, he goes farther and farther away from home, and every twig is eagerly seized upon to increase the size of his pile of sticks.

The wood rat regards his pile of sticks as a refuge in time of trouble. On the first sound of alarm he rushes for the pile and crawls underneath. It is here that he often finds his destruction, for a summer fire sometimes sweeps through the woods, and the wood rat's pile of sticks makes a veritable furnace. The larger the pile the hotter the fire, and thus he has piled up the means of his own agony.

We do not need to carry the comparison any further. The lesson is obvious, but still many of us do not appear to realize that we are like the wood rat, worshipping a pile of sticks. We marry a man because of the size of his pile of sticks and not from an innate attractiveness. We call this man a success because he can gather sticks faster than any of his companions. We call this man "sharp" and "shrewd" because, after a fellow worker has laboriously made a huge pile, he steps in and ousts his fellow from the pile and appropriates all the sticks for his own.

Let us take warning from the wood rat and the summer fire—the larger the pile of sticks the fiercer burns the fire when the time of destruction finally arrives.—Montreal Star.

FACTS ABOUT YOURSELF.

The average number of teeth is thirty-two.

The average weight of an adult is 150 pounds 6 ounces.

The weight of the circulating blood is twenty-nine pounds.

The brain of a man is more than twice that of any other animal.

A man breathes about twenty times a minute, or 1,200 times an hour.

Over 540 pounds, or one hoghead and one and one-fourth pints, of blood pass through the heart in an hour.

The average weight of the brain of a man is three and one-half pounds, that of a woman two pounds eleven ounces.

There are 175,000,000 cells in the lungs, which would cover a surface thirty times greater than the human body.

The average height of an American is five feet nine inches, of a Frenchman five feet four inches, of a German five feet seven inches.

Fishes as Barometers.

"In their way," said the old fisherman, "fishes are not such bad weather prophets. If a storm is approaching the fish stop biting, and they won't bite again until the storm is well over. They appear to know when a storm is coming and when it has really passed. And to fishermen and farmers living along the shore fish foretell the near approach of cold weather. Hours before it comes fishes leave the shallow waters inshore and seek deeper water, which in its depths will stay warm and keep an equable temperature after the shallower and surface waters have turned cold. Oh, yes, fishes know a thing or two about the weather."—Washington Post.

Makes whitest and sweetest bread and pastry. "Wasco" Flour, 10-28-11.

THE WORLD AND A LIVING.

Do Not Be an Ingrate, an Enemy of Civilization.

A fifteen-year-old bell boy was arrested in Cleveland for stealing \$3. When asked in court why he stole, he said, "Because the world owes me a living." No doubt the youth had heard this many times from older lips.

A vast number of people seem to think that God and the world are under great obligations to them and that the world owes them a living without any return service from them. Not long ago I heard a young woman say that she did not consider that she owed the world anything, that she was thrust into it without being consulted, that she proposed to get out of it what she could, with as little effort as possible, and that she did not feel under the slightest obligation to the past.

But did you never think, my idle friend, what you really owe the world for the privilege of living in it? Did you ever think that all the civilizations of the globe have been working for you through all the ages up to the present moment and that you are reaping the harvest of all the hard working, sacrificing, suffering, drudging sowers that have preceded you? Can you look the workers of the world in the face and tell them that you intend to have all the benefits of their labor, to enjoy all the good things of the world without doing anything to compensate for them?

Everything that has gone before you enters into your life and time. You enjoy the sum of all the past every moment of your life. Think of the untold thousands who have laid down their lives to make possible the comforts, the blessings and the immunities you now enjoy. Think of the rivers of blood that have been spilt, of the thousands who have perished or lived in the misery of prison and dungeon to purchase the liberties of speech and freedom of action which you enjoy today. How many lives have been lived in solitude and misery in order to develop sciences which are today beacon lights of the world!

If all the workers and all the wealth of the world today had been employed for thousands of years for your special benefit, to prepare for your reception upon the earth, they could not have provided a tithe of the comforts, the conveniences, the facilities, the immunities, the emancipation from drudgery, the luxuries which you found waiting for you when you were born and for which you gave not a penny or a thought, and yet you say that the world owes you this and the other and that you owe it nothing! Who are you that you claim a living from the world, when perhaps you have not earned the clothing you have on your back or the shelter which covers your head? Why should tens of thousands of people do drudgery and endure hardships and privations to produce all of the useful things, the beautiful things, the luxuries for you to enjoy without effort?

Is he not a thief, an enemy of civilization, who thrusts his arm into the great world's storehouse, pulling out all the good things he wishes and refusing to put anything back in exchange?—Success.

Ethics of the Laboratory.

A knowledge of chemistry is not the only lesson to be learned in the laboratory. I know of no other part of the high school or college that develops in so great a degree certain valuable qualities and habits. Cleanliness, accuracy, self reliance and consideration for the rights of others may be called the cardinal virtues of the laboratory.

The observant student learns soon after his initiation into the mysteries of the laboratory, or perhaps only after a few failures, that much of his work has been unsuccessful because he has not kept things clean. Everything about his desk and his locker must be spotless and always in order. This, by the way, is a fine opportunity for the boy that has never had to do anything for himself.

The student next learns that absolute accuracy is the royal road to success. His notes must be carefully taken and later must be as carefully extended, with special attention to systematic arrangement. Directions must be followed exactly—at least until the student has had experience sufficient to justify his making original experiments.—School Journal.

Masculine Raiment.

Until the last century, in variety and magnificence, the human male followed the rule of the lower animals that the male shall predominate in brilliance. No woman has ever ruled through pure modishness. There has never been a feminine counterpart of Beau Brummel. All varieties of exquisite are male, whether dandy, macaroni or beau, and not because they are exceptions to the general rule of sobriety, but because of a superior originality and more forcible and distinguished expression. In the point of extravagance there has never been (until the last century) any difference between male and female costume. The Duke of Buckingham took twenty-seven suits of clothes to Paris in 1625, one of white uncut velvet set all over with diamonds, worth £14,000. He also wore a diamonded feather and diamond buttons and earrings. A curious fashion for men prevailed in 1612 of ornamenting the ear with strings of black velvet ribbon, also of placing a rose behind the ear.—London Saturday Review.

The Best Thing He Said.

An entertainer and humorist one afternoon recently had just made his bow and was about to begin, when a cat walked in and sat down on the stage. With quick wit he said severely, "You get out; this is a monologue, not a catalogue," which was unanimously voted the best hit of his entertainment.—Christian Register.

At Which Age?

An amusing discussion recently took place between an artist and an author as to which period of her life a woman was the most fascinating. According to the artist a woman should not be painted between the ages of twenty-five and forty, as she was in the greatest transition period of her life. The author, on the other hand, declares that she is at the height of her fascination and beauty between the ages of thirty and forty. The question is still unsettled.—Breiten Zeitung.

Causes of Insanity.

In England, where everything that is excessive in a great civilization is to be found, mental alienation is very frequent. Many special causes contribute to this, such as ill assorted marriages, which engender hereditary insanity; hazardous and desperate speculations, the frequency of commercial crises, the increasing fluctuations of political life, the laziness peculiar to the rich, the abuse of fermented liquors and, lastly, the immense number of religious sects.—London Hospital.

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